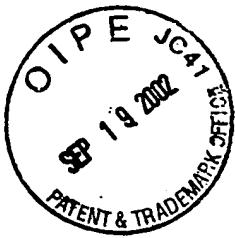


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In response to the office action mailed August 27, 2002, setting a one (1) month period for response which expires on September 27, 2002, amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 25-44 without prejudice.

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Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the above amendment and the following comments are respectfully requested.